

BOOK REVIEW

NOMENCLATURE OF PLANTS. A text for the application by the Case Method of the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature, by Harold St. John. Ronald Press Co., New York, 1958. 157 pp. \$2.50. Paper cover.

Discussion which frequently takes place amongst experienced systematists on the interpretation of the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature illustrates that the "Rules" are not always perfectly understood. They are mastered only after repeated application of selected problems in a special field of study and cannot be learned otherwise.

The University student or young botanist is therefore at a decided disadvantage. Professor St. John, however, has given them copious material to come to grips with the main principles and has provided material for the application of the laws of botanical nomenclature.

In this book no less than 958 "cases" are presented for investigation. Under each, various names including synonyms are listed with the relevant publications. The student then is required to consult these references and to decide for himself which of the names is the correct one. The "cases" have been selected in such a way that all the articles and recommendations of the "International Code" are incorporated.

Apart from providing numerous exercises for nomenclatural research, the book presents valuable references to the most important publications required for systematic work.

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